

United Church Notes

The first regular meeting of the recently organized Young Peoples' Union was held on Thursday evening last, and despite the severe weather conditions there was a good attendance. Mr. O.P. Larson, President, conducted the opening devotional exercises and presided throughout the rest of the evening. After the conclusion of the business items, a well chosen programme was presented by the young people, all of the numbers being well received. The topic on "Friendship" was convincingly and pleasingly delivered by Miss Aletha Knudson. Luncheon was served at the close. The young people are to be heartily congratulated on making a fine start, which gives much promise of future development, and it is quite evident that the Union will meet a great need in the life of the church. The next meeting will be held after the service on Sunday evening Dec. 20th, and all young are urged to join up in the meantime. A hearty invitation is extended to all and sundry to attend the meetings.

At the meeting of the Tuxis-Trail Ranger group on Saturday morning an exciting election contest was held for the purpose of selecting a member to attend the forthcoming Boys' Parliament. Three nominations were made: Arthur Knudson, Bob Charter and Art Larson. All of the candidates spoke quite effectively, the last named requesting permission to retire from the contest. A ballot was taken on the remaining two names, and the result was a tie; a second ballot was taken with the same result. In order to break the tie the two candidates drew slips, and Bob Charter was the fortunate holder of the one marked "member". Later a suggestion was made by the elected member that possibly both of them could attend the parliament; and the leaders are now making inquiries in the hope that it will be possible to make arrangements for this effect.

Services next Sunday: Paschen-dale 11 A.M. Crescent Hill 3 P.M. Irma 8 P.M. Weather prevented the out of town services being held last Sunday, but the pastor desires to announce that if the roads remain open, and the temperature is not in the depths of winter, it is his purpose to continue services at the country points, at any rate until the end of the year.

SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Ivar Saugen.
Sunday, Dec. 13th.
Sunday school 1:30 p.m.
Ladies Aid meet at the home of Mrs. Joe Gulbraa, Dec. 17th.

Junior Hockey Reorganized

The Irma Junior Hockey Club was organized recently and the following officers were elected: Dr. C. Greenberg, manager; Arthur Knudson president; Clarence Carter, Secretary; and R.L. Martin, Coach.

Various business was done. The group discussed the possibility of arranging a Junior Gas Line League. After other business was completed the meeting closed with a few words from Mr. North.

The annual meeting of the W.M.S. at the home of Mrs. J. Elliott on December 17th. The study book will be taken by Mrs. McKay and the hostesses are Mrs. J. Fletcher and Mrs. J. Fenton.

Wedding Bells.

HANSEN-THOMAS.
A pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday, November 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Even Thomas when the Rev. R.A. Redman united in marriage, their youngest daughter Evelyn Henrietta to Mr. Christian Hansen, youngest son of Mr. C.R. Hansen and the late Mrs. Hansen of Denmark.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, wore a three quarter length veil of tulle over a gown of ivory Pandora satin, and suede lace. Her bouquet was of white mums, pink carnations, and maiden hair fern. Miss Eunice Johnston was bridesmaid wore yellow suede taffeta and carried bronze mums, white carnations.

The groom was attended by the bride's brother, Mr. H. V. Thomas, of Redwood.

During the signing of the register Mr. and Mrs. Edwards sang "Because." Following the ceremony a reception was held and the three-tiered wedding cake was cut by the bride. The bridal couple were assisted in receiving the guests by the bride's mother and sister, Mrs. E. Thomas, and Mrs. G. A. Holden.

Later the happy couple left on their honeymoon, and the bride wore a blue wool crepe ensemble with accessories to match. On their return they will reside in Vancouver.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. H.V. Thomas, and Shirley Anne of Revelstoke, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jackman of Newton, and Miss Jackman also of Newton.

Chris was very popular among the Irma people when he resided there some years ago, and the good wishes of all go with him on his new venture.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Irma branch of the Women's Institute wish to thank all who helped by donations and other ways to make our annual bazaar such a real success.

The Raffle winners: 1st prize, bed throw, Mrs. Alf Bacon; 2nd prize, bath towels, Len Thurston; 3rd prize, 1 lb tea raffled won by Walter Glover. Cake guessing competition, Mrs. W. Anderson and Mrs. C. Wilbraham—Mrs. C. Wilbraham, Sec.

The Irma branch of the Women's Institute held their annual meeting of Thursday 3rd December. Secretary reported a very successful year, auditor's report showed our financial position strong. There is an increase in the bank balance over last year. The free dental clinic held in August Dr. Courcier to 47 children, mothers and children coming in from the country were served lunch in the basement of the church.

Several mothers in our community have been supplied with baby clothes and families have been helped with clothes and boots. We thank the public for their co-operation in supporting our efforts to raise money to carry on the good work. Our motto is for Home and Country.

Officers elected: President, Mrs. J. C. McLean; 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. Fletcher; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. W. Cole; Secretary, Mrs. C. Wilbraham; Treasurer, Mrs. K. Larson; directors, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. W. Anderson.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM JARROW

Mrs. L. A. Larson and son Alvin motored to Edmonton last week.

Mr. Arnold Christenson visited his people in Edmonton over the week-end.

Mr. W. H. Barton is spending a few days in the city.

Miss Helen Adams of Melbrae who is nursing in the Viking hospital is spending a short holiday with her parents.

The Jarrows Ladies Aid met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. Matthews. The following officer were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. A. Waite; vice-president Mrs. H. Whidden; secretary-treasurer Mrs. R. W. Griffiths.

The school children are busy practicing for the Christmas concert to be held in the Community hall on Dec. 22nd.

The Rev. Marr of Calgary representing the British and foreign Bible Society was a caller at the manse last week.

Mrs. Jessie McCracken, formerly of Jarrows, passed away at her home in Dundee, Scotland on the 25th day of November at the age of 61 years. She underwent a serious operation that did not prove successful.

Mrs. McCracken spent 24 years in Jarrows and the Melbrae district. She sold her property in Jarrows and left for the old land in July 1914. She leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Mrs. H. Black, Mrs. T. Matthews, of Jarrows and one brother, Robert Heron of Melbrae, also two sisters in Scotland. Mrs. McCracken was always an active church worker and at the approach of death she made known to loved ones who had gathered about her bedside that she was ready to depart when the Divine call would come.

J. W. WYATT, FORMER RESIDENT, DEAD

Stricken by a heart attack shortly after breakfast, James William Wyatt, 58, manager of Associated Agencies, Ltd., and a well-known figure for 15 years in mortgage and real estate circles here, died suddenly Friday.

Born in York, Nebraska, Sept. 8, 1883, Mr. Wyatt received his education in Nebraska. Arriving in Edmonton in 1921, he at once established himself in the mortgage and real estate profession and was also prominent in clubs and lodges.

He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Orange lodge and of the Cosmopolitan club. His office was located at 419 Empire block, his home, at 1208 83 st.

Surviving are his wife, three daughters, Marjorie, Viola and Norma, and one son, George, all in Edmonton, as well as three sisters living in the United States.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced last Friday.

The late Mr. Wyatt was in business in Irma a number of years before moving to Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sorgen and Mr. Ben Maguire visited the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maguire last Sunday.

We are sorry to learn of the passing in Edmonton of Mrs. Candler, a sister of Mr. A. Turnbull, of Irma.

Miss B. Hargraves has resumed her duties after a week of the "flu."

LOUGHEED NEWS.

Miss Helen Linquist was a visitor at the Barthol home last week end.

Mr. Gordon has been doing considerable work on his domicile at the back of the Nazarene Church. Einar Stokke, who has been employed near Jarrows, returned home on Friday. He journeyed to Edmonton on Monday.

Scotty Jack and Wes, pedlar were driving around the Sedgewick district on Sunday night. Hey Marvie!

The W.A. held a whist drive in the Lougheed Hall on Monday, Nov. 30th. A good time was reported by those who attended.

The 'Rhythm Queens' sponsored a dance in the Lougheed Hall on Wednesday last, but due to the poor crowd they had to quit at 11 o'clock. The crowd for the most part went to Killam afterward.

Art McCracken was helping Ray in the butcher shop for a time during the latter part of last week.

Morgan Johnson is visiting with his grandmother, Mrs. I.C. Johnson. Glen Pope visited in Killam on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Gordon Brown was a business visitor in Lougheed on Tuesday. R.C. McCracken was buying poultry on Tuesday.

Kinsella Kernels.

The Ladies Aid Bazaar and Tea held in the United Church on Sat. Dec. 5th, was one of the biggest sales for some time. Total sales being \$104.00.

Mrs. G. Taylor won the fancy wool cushion raffled by the Ladies Aid. Miss Marian Watson and Miss Margaret Holdsworth of Heath spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. O. Watson.

Mr. B. Wachter spent the weekend at his home. The whist drive held Sat. Dec. 5th was well attended. Miss Laura Mark received Ladies first prize and Mr. Seth Witton received Gents first prize.

Misses Lucile Mark and Dorothy Fleming spent the weekend in Edmonton.

Mr. Mrs. F. Williams and Eileen Thorsen spent Monday in Edmonton. Leslie Kyle who suffered two broken bones in his foot, when his horse fell with him last week, has returned from the hospital. The community wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Bert Mallen and Mr. Charles Hawlett spent the weekend in Edmonton. The Kinsella School Xmas Concert will be held on Wed. Dec. 23rd.

SOCIAL CREDIT

The Irma Social Credit group met in Hedley's Hall, Dec. 7th. at 8 P.M.

The meeting opened with our president Mr. Ed. Elford in the chair.

The theme song by the audience was the first item on the program. A number of old-time songs were then sung. Mrs. Caprini Winkel presiding at the piano. Following this Mr. Elford gave a very interesting talk.

The business of the group was then dealt with.

Mrs. Dr. McPherson of Ryley, Alta. gave a parable entitled "The Water Tank," written by Edward Balaney. The subject was very much enjoyed by all. Dr. McPherson of Ryley gave a talk on the work done by the Social Credit Government. Mr. A.H. Locke then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers. The meeting was brought to a close in the usual manner. Lunch was served by the ladies of the Irma group and with the kindness of Mr. Pond of the Club Cafe coffee was supplied to all present.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 4th, 1937 at 8 P.M.

As Christmas day rapidly draws near-do you feel a quickening of spirit? Do you enjoy going from store to store trying to find just that certain thing for each one on your shopping list?

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News From the World of Sport

When the snow crunches under foot and the icy winds do blow from any direction, the interest in hockey increases. You can just feel the atmosphere. Foster Hewitt describes with the puck going down the ice pass and raps and then the little scream "He Scores!" As Toronto has dropped into the cellar position, those screams have diminished to almost a whisper.

Murray Murdoch and his gang appear to be going like a prairie fire. Neil Colville, the Edmonton recruit gets his name in the records frequently. If it isn't scoring, it is high-sticking, a major penalty, with the cheek bone of his opponent laid open. The Rangers with their combination of youth and experience, present a team which just now is going places.

With the arrival of Schmeling in America the Boxing moguls intend to force from him bonds that insure a match with the champion Braddock. The way the big fellow dodges fights, shows a real desire to hang on to the title of being top dog. The scheme to get Joe Louis to come in on a decision affair, may be a trick to side-track the big event.

They are making a real effort to get Women's Basketball on the program for the next Olympics in Tokyo. The Grads have appeared at every meet of the world's best amateurs, but never yet allowed to play officially. Our girls have faced teams, professional in every respect and been victorious. Their quality should make the little Japs yell "banzai".

The Big League ball clubs try to steal the cream of players from the minor leagues. Bob Feller a 17-year old was thus picked up by Cleveland. He pitched in Detroit while we were there and displayed lightning speed and bullet accuracy. Yet he may have to go back to the minor leagues club, just because he was not properly "introduced" by the right scout. It sounds silly, but the big boy Landis has the job of giving judgment on the bally situation. This man with a salary of \$50,000, has to be like Solomon to satisfy all in his baseball Kingdom.

The "Rose-bowl" of Canada between the Sarnia and Regina kickers finally died because of too much kicking. Five imported Uncle Sam players seemed just five too many for an all-Canada classic. So after a big kick, more kicks, and they booted the event out of the picture entirely.

Holden, Dec. 7.—W. J. Flemming was named president of Gas Line Hockey league for the sixth successive season. Sixteen delegates attended the meeting which was held here recently. Members of the league executive for the coming year are: Ken Torg, Wainwright; C. Wilbraham, Irma; R. McEwan, Viking; A. Black, Holden and G. Allan of Telford.

First game in the league schedule will be played on Dec. 14th. The Northwestern Utilities cup will again be at stake.

Gray McLaren who learned his hockey on the local arena, is making good in one of the fastest leagues in the country. Playing the goal for the Green and Gold of Varsity.

SEDGEWICK.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bradley on Friday, evening, November 27th, at 8 o'clock, when Isabelle Bradley became the bride of Mr. Gordon D'Arcy. The Rev. Nainby of Sedgewick, officiated at the ceremony. Only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom, as well as Mr. Cartmell and Mrs. F. Sparrow were present. The happy couple will reside at the groom's farm 12 miles north of Sedgewick. The community extends their best wishes for a long and happy married life.

The annual meeting of the Luther League was held on Sunday evening when a fair crowd was present. Officers for the coming year were elected, Oswald Olson - President, Melvin Bakken, Vice - President, and Leif Osbak, Secretary - Treasurer.

On Saturday evening, November 28th, a crowd of mostly young people gathered to chivari Mr. and Mrs. G. D'Arcy. An enjoyable time was had by taking part in contests until the wee hours of the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Ward motored to Camrose on Saturday and returned Sunday.

A shower in honor of Mrs. Ivan Pierson (nee Mable Johnson) was held at the home of Mrs. E. Danielson, Saturday Nov. 28. About sixty guests were present. A wedding was performed when Mildred Knutson was dressed as the bride and Elder Danielson the groom, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Pierson with a large basket of valuable gifts. Miss Gladys Ness, sang "I Love You Truly". After a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, the guest departed extending their best wishes to the guests of honor.

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Canada's Wild Birds

Game Birds Being Depleted By Drought And Toll Taken By Hunters

Canada has about five hundred species of wild birds. Not all these birds can be seen at any one time or in any one place in Canada or, in fact, anywhere else. Some are sea birds, rarely seen far from salt water, some are denizens of the deep forest, while others frequent open prairies, marsh or meadow, according to their natural requirements. Many are just birds of passage through much of Canada, nesting in the high north, wintering in the south or far south from just below the international boundary to the humid tropics.

Canada values her bird travellers and to protect those which spend a part of the year in Canada and a part of the year in the United States the two countries entered into a treaty almost 20 years ago, which by co-operation extends protection to migratory birds by means of close seasons, bag limits and the prohibition of unfair hunting methods. The birds do not belong to either country, they belong to both. Perhaps eighty per cent. of the wild duck supply of the North American Continent is produced in the Prairie Provinces and vicinity. From this great waterfowl hatchery the continental supply migrates fan-wise until it reaches the Pacific, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlantic.

Most of the birds which are protected throughout Canada and the United States by the Migratory Birds Treaty are not under any major attack from man. The game birds, on the other hand, have had to meet an ever increasing demand from the hunters and many kinds of them have become seriously depleted. Firearms have improved and better roads let hunters reach the hunting grounds more easily. The marsh areas which the waterfowl frequent have been reduced by drainage or other causes until these birds have been often in a serious plight. Natural causes, among the most serious of them drought, as well as man's demands, have depleted the supply of water birds.

Almost A Century Old

Euston Station To Be Replaced By Modern Terminus

Many Canadians, who have entered old London by Euston station, will be interested to learn that it is to be demolished to make room for a modern terminus. It is a year short of a century since Euston was opened, recalls the Glasgow Herald. Then the railway stretched as far as Boxmoor. Directors and their friends made the first journey. Unfortunately, when the train was steaming into Euston after a successful trip to Boxmoor, the brakeman turned the brake the wrong way, and the engine collided with the end of the platform. All in the train were badly shaken, and some were injured. It was an unlucky baptism for the new station, but directors and state were undismayed. In 1837 six trains a day (three outward and three inward) were started to the sound of bugles. The longest distance through-train ever run in Britain was the famous "Jellicoe Express," which ran every week-day during the war from Euston to Thurso—717 miles. It took 22 hours to make the trip, and it was the first British train to have padded cock carriages for prisoners, such as deserters and spies.

No Danger From Mice

Rodents Will Not Touch Grain Treated With Chemicals

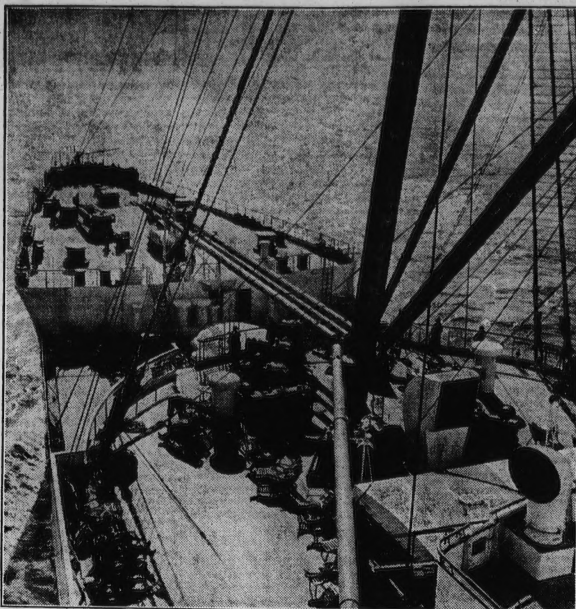
Seed grains, treated with dust chemicals for the prevention of seed-borne diseases such as smut, can be safely stored for six weeks or more without danger from mice, according to experiments worked out by L. H. Newman in Canada. That means that you can do this work well in advance of seeding time and have the seed ready for planting. Mice will not touch seed treated with the chemical dusts now on the market. Naturally, it will not be healthy for your hens or other livestock to eat the poisoned seed—Country Home.

China Wants Policewomen

Shanghai is trying to enroll forty Chinese policewomen who belong in the higher intelligence brackets. Candidates must be 4 feet 5 inches in height, between 18 and 30 years of age, and graduates of a junior high school. They are given examination in history, mathematics, geography and science. The pay is \$3.25 a month during training and \$6 after graduation.

In 1659, Sweden issued a copper coin weighing 31 pounds and measuring 2 feet by 1 foot. The coin was worth about \$5.20.

FROM THE BRIDGE OF THE "QUEEN MARY"



A striking picture taken from the bridge of the world's great liner, as she set a course due west from Southampton for New York.

There Was A Reason

Why Small Church In Scotland Had Big Congregation

You may wean a Scot from his haggis, and there are, it is affirmed, expatriates from the land which lies north of the Tweed who follow after the strange customs of the aliens among whom they dwell to the extent of spoiling their parrot by putting sugar on it. But you shall not stop a true son of Caledonia from gaein' tae the kirk.

Not even what an Associated Press dispatch calls "wet weather and a piercing, cold wind" can keep him away. Or, at any rate, it didn't one Sunday when the little minister of the tiny church at Crathie, Balmoral, preached to a congregation that, in numbers, resembled the eager crowds in Edinburgh in the sixteenth century that defied worse than weather to applaud stern John Knox as he wrathfully and roundly scolded Mary Queen of Scots. The gathering around the Crathie church was so great that the local police were quite flustered trying to untangle a seven-mile traffic jam.

King Edward was there, too—Christian Science Monitor.

Easy To Believe

Before an eminent judge, of the Scottish Bench a counsel once urged on behalf of a plaintiff of somewhat blubious appearance:

"My client, my lord, is a most remarkable man, and holds a very responsible position; he is manager of some waterworks."

"Yes," said the judge, "he looks like a man who could be trusted with any amount of water!"

According to Chinese tradition, use of cloth was evolved from the practice of women carrying their children in fibre nets.

The Queen Mary, newest transatlantic liner, has 12 decks, of which the main deck is 750 feet long.

Salt For Chickens

One Per Cent. In Ration Usually Found Enough

Poultrymen have known that a little salt in a ration was beneficial but that too much was just too bad—the chickens died. University of Wisconsin investigators made some tests recently to find out just how much salt was good for a chicken. It was learned that five per cent. salt in a ration slowed down growth, resulted in poorer egg production, and caused an abnormal amount of water to be consumed. Two per cent. salt was not injurious, but it also resulted in abnormal water consumption, causing wet litter. It seemed to be advantageous to have one per cent. salt in the ration, except when meat scrap and dried milk are fed; then one-half of one per cent. was ample for both growing and laying stock—Country Home.

World's Largest Tea Party

Queer Mixture Used At Annual Tibetan Prayer Festival

The world's biggest tea party is that which takes place at the annual Tibetan prayer festival. A huge bronze cauldron is rigged up in the main square of Lhasa, capital of Tibet, and the tea is prepared. It is made by churning up brick tea, soda, salt and plenty of butter or old mutton fat. The older the butter the better! The result of the mixing is a dark brown oily liquid, and Tibetans regard it as the greatest drink in existence. It is quite an ordinary thing for a man or woman to drink about 60 cups of it in a day. And the extraordinary thing is that it seems to do them good. Tibetans are endowed with almost incredible muscular strength and amazing power of endurance.

More than 900,000 square miles, or 28 per cent. of the area of Canada, exclusive of the Arctic islands, is still unexplored.

Qualified For Business

Statistician Thinks Women Are Often Better Than Men

Roger W. Babson, business statistician, suggested there would be fewer business failures and unhappy marriages if sister took over the family business instead of brother. Babson, attending the 23rd annual national business conference in Wellesley, Mass., said:

"The principal cause of the broken families and bankrupt business is the attempt to keep a woman in the home and men in commerce. As many young women as young men are qualified for business. But we have not arrived at the point of intelligence where we will accept the scientific fact of heredity and biology. There is no difference between the sexes.

"How many times do sons fall in business that their fathers handed down to them in good condition?" Their sisters might have made a success of it. The sister marries and does not make a success of her domestic duties because she does not inherit the domestic traits from her ancestors."

Travelling Post Offices

Britain Trying Experiment At Race Meetings And Cattle Shows

The British post office is experimenting with mobile post offices. The offices, about the size of a motorbus, are drawn by specially designed tractor to race meetings, cattle shows, and similar gatherings. Each has two telephone booths at the rear, from which calls may be made to any part of Britain or overseas. Telegraph installations enable messages to be sent all over the world. There are the usual posting facilities for letters, with frequent collective service.

Peeled apples can be kept by immersing in salt water until used.

Canada's Tree Trade

United States Still Imports Large Number For Christmas

We are living in a highly competitive age; no sooner does someone discover a profitable business connection or line of trade than someone else steps in to do battle with him for it. A proverb of the Victorian age used to say that competition was the life of trade but it is hard to see how the modern kind of competition is particularly life-giving.

An example is drawn to our attention by Mr. G. A. Newman, Assistant Trade Commissioner in New York, who in a report to the Commercial Intelligence Journal, speaking of Christmas trade—for which it is not too soon to prepare—states that there is an increased sale of potted trees and rather costly artificial trees in the Eastern United States where once the natural Canadian tree held sway; domestic supplies being irregular and limited by embargos on pest-infected areas.

In spite of this condition, Mr. Newman adds, however, there is still a regular seasonal demand for trees cut in the provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; established dealers in the trade sending representatives to the various producing areas, as a rule, in the summer and autumn to contract for supplies. And just how extensive the trade has become may be seen from the fact that 3,573,842 Canadian Christmas trees, valued at \$384,135, were imported into the United States last year, as against 3,681,439 trees, valued at \$375,286 in 1934.

The trees thus imported are said to find a market in most of the large American cities of the East that may be reached without prohibitive freight charges. New York, as one would expect, is the main consuming centre; taking annually from 400 to 425 cars of from 1,500 to 2,000 trees; while Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Pittsburgh and other points account for somewhat smaller quantities.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

Gas In Cansisters

Special Kind Shipped From Glasgow To The Hebrides

Gas is being conveyed to the farm homes of the remote parts of Scotland, even out on the islands of the Hebrides, in cansisters. The gas, which is of a special kind, is made in Glasgow and shipped to homes on the islands of Skye and Mull, the crofts of Argyllshire and the Highlands, where, for generations they have known nothing except the most primitive illumination, and no other heating and cooking appliances except wood or peat fires.

The new illuminating and heating mixture is called butane, and it will put the rural people on the same footing as many people in the big cities. One cansister will give light by a gas mantle for over four hundred hours, and cookers with several burners are able to supply all the heat necessary for continuous work for several days. A gas fire can be kept going for more than a hundred hours at full pressure, and one of the advantages is that the gas can be controlled just in the same way as ordinary gas on any company's apparatus.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Offensive Advertising

U.S. Government Thinks Liquor Advertisement No Place For Girl's Picture

Only two distillers out of hundreds defied the U.S. Federal Government's edict that a liquor advertisement is no place for the picture of a pretty girl lapping up a cocktail.

There is no law against such display of feminine thirst, but the Federal Alcohol administration thinks maybe the buyers of whisky aren't much interested. It thinks also that the prohibitionists have a legitimate kick when they see a tipsy-looking blond staring at them from billboards and street car signs and magazine ads.

An Unpublished Photograph

Queen Mary locked out, for the moment, at Jervaulx Abbey while on a visit would not be at all upset, having plenty of sang-froid. Her Majesty never expects preferential treatment merely because she is Queen, nor is her balance easily upset. Once she was photographed in a rather insolent fashion at a public affair. All she said was: "I think someone has taken a photograph, but before it is published it must be submitted." It was never published.

There's only one way to retire—that's to retire in time every night to get up early to go to work again.

Whales have the largest brains of all mammals, the largest on record weighing 7,000 grams.

Spreading Scientific Farm Knowledge

Encouraging Up-To-Date Methods Of Husbandry On Canadian Farms

With a view to spreading scientific farm knowledge and encouraging up-to-date methods of husbandry on Canadian farms, the Federal Department of Agriculture has established 223 illustration stations throughout the Dominion. Each is regarded as a community development project and stands as a unit for helpfulness in its neighborhood. It also serves as a connecting link between the experimental farm and the farmers of the various districts.

The first essential of an illustration station is to develop a crop improvement program by creating a rotation adapted to the district, and to provide feed for the animals on the farm. Next, the breeding phase of the work is developed, including the use of pure-bred qualified sires, as well as the weeding out of low producers by the use of dairy records. On an illustration station the objective is not only to develop an improved herd for the monetary benefit of the farmer on whose farm the station has been established, but eventually to create a source from which neighbors may obtain breeding stock. In poultry a concerted effort has been made to arouse greater interest in the proper housing, feeding, and development of the flocks. Special attention has been directed to developing the stations as seed-producing centres.

While illustration stations are primarily concerned with problems relating to crop and livestock production, the possibility of developing and maintaining attractive home surroundings and adequate buildings is given consideration. Shelter belts, hedges, shrubbery, lawns, perennial and annual flower borders are being steadily developed, and building plans for new homes, barns, and out-buildings are discussed with operators as required.

An Indian Rainmaker

Medicine Man Brings Showers In Exchange For Tobacco

Magician and medicine man, old "Frederick," native of Montreal Lake Indian reserve, may be the answer to the North Central American farmer's prayers. He will guarantee rain in copious quantities in exchange for a plug of tobacco. Better known as Wae-Tee-Go, or Musquas, Frederick has been making the elements do his bidding for some time, according to local records. For proof of his success he points to a never-failing source of the nicotine leaf.

For a plug of tobacco the 80-year-old Indian will work up a moderate shower. For five plugs he will conjure up a soaking downpour. Unlike Charles M. Hatfield, Alberta rainmaker who induced rain to fall near Medicine Hat in 1921, Frederick has never disclosed his methods to those outside the tribe.

When forest fires raged in the area, 60 miles north of Prince Albert, last June, T. Jepson, of the Saskatchewan natural resources department, arrived at Montreal Lake in an airplane piloted by Nick Carter. There was a clear sky and rain was sorely needed. Frederick, it is related, came through.

The aged rainmaker received his tobacco and within 24 hours rain fell. All but one of a number of deeply-rooted muskeg fires were effectively put out. Frederick lamented the fact that one plug had to be divided with three other agents in his "business."

Waterspouts Dangerous

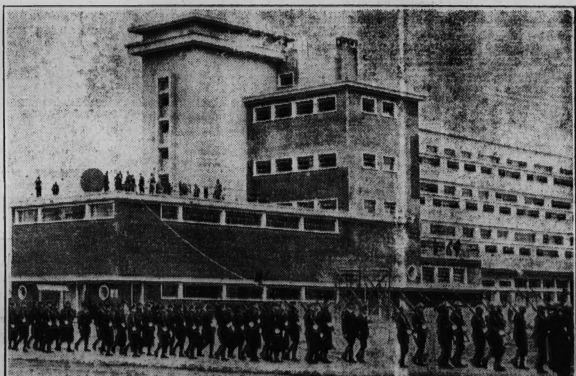
Tremendous Weight Has Damaged Even Large Ocean Liners

Contrary to popular belief, waterspouts are formed from fresh water, condensed from the atmosphere by the rapid whirling motion of the torn-like clouds. A waterspout is very dangerous to fishing boats and other small craft. Cases are on record where large ocean liners have been forced to limp into port, their plates battered from conflict with a waterspout. The danger of running into a spout lies in the fact that contact with the moving column of water is likely to shatter it so that its tremendous weight crashes on the deck. Waterspouts occur in widely distributed parts of the globe. They are also observed frequently on large inland bodies of water such as the Great Lakes.

To prevent needles and pins from rusting, stick them into a piece of flannel which has been saturated with machine oil.

The fastest thing a human being can do is wink an eye. That takes an average of one-tenth second.

ITALY'S BIGGEST MILITARY AERODROME



The aerodrome, which covers about 296 acres, was constructed in 14 months, and has great aircraft sheds and splendid accommodation for officers and men. Part of the buildings are seen in our picture during the march past before Premier Mussolini, who opened the aerodrome recently.

RESCUED 1,120 FROM RUINS ON ALCAZAR

Nerve Specialists Busy

London Doctors Hope Suicide Problem May Be Solved

Nerve specialists are conducting an investigation which they believe will reduce the number of murders and suicides.

In many cases where sudden emotional disturbance is the cause it is thought that by treatment before the danger period is reached tragedy might be prevented.

The investigation, which consists of an exploration of the sympathetic nervous system, the great uncharted area of the human body, is being carried out by the National Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Queen's Square, London, W.C.

Nervous diseases cause more deaths than tuberculosis, while it has also been ascertained that one in every three people who are unable to work through ill-health are suffering from "anxiety neurosis."

"We are now trying to find the causes of abnormality," an official of the hospital told the News of the World, "and why it is that apparently normal people suddenly go mad and commit suicide or murder."

"Once we discover the causes, we believe that by treatment we may be able to prevent a great many of these tragedies."

"Unfortunately, we are handicapped by lack of funds. This hospital, where 300 operations for the removal of tumors of the brain are conducted each year with 90 per cent. success, is the only one in the world co-ordinating every branch of research into the various nervous diseases."

"Specialists from all over the world attend our lectures, but we are cramped for space, and have to use makeshift and antiquated apparatus."

By means of a film, "The Missing Record," which shows the stress and strain of modern life and its results, the hospital is making the first public appeal for funds in its 77 years' history.

In this film, shortly to be released, the public will be able to see for the first time an actual operation on the brain taking place.

The rebuilding scheme, for which the appeal is made, is to cost £180,000. The Rockefeller Foundation has promised £60,000 of this, with a further £60,000 for endowment, provided the remaining £120,000 is raised by the hospital.

Fine Jacobean Mansion

Owned By Lord Lothian, House Dates Back To 1620

Blicking Hall, in Norfolk, which Lord Lothian lent to Mr. Baldwin, is one of the finest Jacobean mansions in England, but the cost of its upkeep is so heavy that in recent years it has been empty more often than not. Its pictures, by almost every well-known English artist, are famous. So were the treasures in its 127-foot long library until Lord Lothian sold some of the best of them in America a few years ago for over £100,000. There is a tapestry presented to a former owner by Peter the Great, a blood-stained secret attic, where a priest is supposed to have been murdered at the time of the Reformation, and a family portrait pierced by an ancestor of Lord Lothian's in a drunken brawl, recalls the News of the World. Outside is a beautiful park, enriched by wooded knolls and a crescent-shaped lake a mile long. It was at Blicking that Henry VIII. met Anne Boleyn. But that was in an earlier house. The present hall dates only from 1620, although the title deeds relating to the land go back to King Harold's time.

Japanese Goods Buy Railway

Orders Placed By Russia For Variety Of Materials

Under the terms of its agreement with Japan for sale of the Sino-Eastern Railroad, a large part of the purchase price to be paid in goods, the Soviet government has placed in Japan orders for products worth 70,000,000 yen. This represents 75 per cent. of the amount to be taken in kind.

Building materials, vegetable oils, tea, metals, textiles and electric motors account for a large part of the order.

In her new rig-out a lady passed out of the tennant. "She's lucky," commented Mrs. Muffin. "I can't get a new fur coat, a fashionable hat—"

"Now, now," broke in Mrs. Joysay, "don't talk like that. You never know what you can do till you cry."

Will any of our men readers explain why an angler will sit watching and waiting at the water side for hours for a bite, but if he had to wait a few minutes for dinner he becomes impatient?

Preserving Fence Posts

Coal Tar Or Creosote Treatment Prolongs Life

Interesting information with regard to the preservation of fence posts has accrued from experiments carried out at the Range Experimental Station of the Dominion Department of Agriculture at Marryatville, Alberta. These experiments have been conducted to determine the relative merits of treated and untreated fence posts. In one experiment started in 1927, posts were treated with coal tar or creosote while other posts were left untreated. In 1938 all the treated posts were found to be sound but all the untreated ones were either completely rotted or showed such advanced stages of rot that they will have to be replaced within the next year. As it was, several of the untreated posts had to be replaced in 1934 and 1935.

At the end of a nine-year period, a comparison of the two treatments, tarring and creosoting, failed to show any definite advantage in favour of one or the other method. However, where cost and equipment are concerned, there is a decided advantage in the tarring treatment. The cost of tarring is from 1 1/2 to 2 cents per post, whereas creosoting costs from 5 to 6 cents per post, depending on the size of the post. Moreover, a creosote dipping apparatus is more elaborate in construction and a longer time is necessary to do the job thoroughly.

Another experiment in progress is a comparison of other treatments with various kinds of wood. Pressure-treated (purchased commercially), bluestoned, and charred posts are being tested along with tarring and creosote-dipped posts. Charring has no apparent check on rotting, as all the charred posts were as badly rotted as the untreated. Pressure-treated pine posts show excellent durability but they entail a high initial cost for fencing large areas. The bluestone treatment shows very good results, especially with poplar posts. The cost of bluestoning is usually less than 2 cents per post, the construction of the dipping tank and method of treatment being quite simple.

English Town Overlooked

Berwick-On-Tweed Still Technically At War With Russia

The border town of Berwick-on-Tweed, England, is still technically at war with Russia. Not Soviet Russia, but Imperial Russia of the tsars. No peace has been declared since the Crimean war—but neither have shots been fired.

It was all brought about because Berwick used to be a subject of dispute between England and Scotland. In the early part of the last century it had not been decided whether it was English or Scottish and so treaties signed by the United Kingdom had to include a separate clause for Berwick-on-Tweed. When peace was declared between Britain and Russia after the Crimean war, Berwick-on-Tweed was overlooked—so technically it is still at war.

The story is told that recently a small Russian tramp steamer, driven off her course, decided to put in to get supplies. The skipper anchored just outside the harbor and sounded his siren. A local fisherman put out in a small boat and drew alongside. One of the Russian crew, who could speak a little English, leaned over the side and roared:

"Give food! Give food! Very hungry. Now you hurry."

The fisherman, who neither liked the way he had been addressed nor foreigners, let fly in a fathom voice that could be heard on shore.

"Awa' wi' ye, ye furry fools. This isn't Moscow, this is Berwick. An' next time ye come back ye'll get a gun down your gutlet."

"We're at war wi' Russia here!"

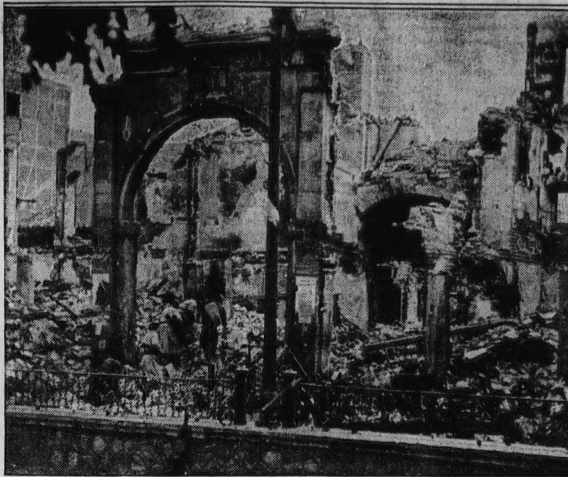
Silently the steam slipped off to sea.

Safety Collars For Swiss

Legislation making bomb-proof, gas-proof collars compulsory for every house in Switzerland is expected to be introduced into the Swiss parliament shortly by the Federal government, according to the "Journal De Geneve." Schemes for erecting public air-raid shelters in the most densely populated quarters of Switzerland's largest cities will also be laid before the parliament, it is understood.

Ancient Burial Urn

At Kanya, in the south of Hungary, a thousand-year-old burial urn has been unearthed. It is of burnt clay and is mounted on wheels. The find is unique in the world and, although fragments of similar urns have been found in the district, this urn is the only one which assertedly still contains, intact, the ashes of the ancient warrior.



This is what the historic Alcazar fortress in Toledo looked like, after seven weeks of battering by shells, bombs, and mines. Strangely enough only 80 persons were killed outright and about 1,120 came out alive, although hundreds of them were wounded.

About Pests

American Woman Does Not Place Squirrels In This Category

An American town has just received an earful of advice on how to handle the invasion of squirrels which has been driving the town to distraction.

The advice came from a Mrs. B. Roberts, of Buffalo, N.Y., who wrote: "To the mayor and police of Belleville, N.J.—"

"To whom it may concern: Just read in the local paper an account of squirrels being pests. If you were hungry, what would you do?"

"Has it ever occurred to you and the people of your town to feed the squirrels? They have as much right to live as you and I."

"I find here if you feed them they do not destroy anything. Try buying a few peanuts or any kind of nuts. I certainly don't approve of your attitude. I don't see squirrels pests. We feed them. We find children pests here."

An Elusive Burglar

Police Have Two Reasons For Naming Man "Flannel Foot"

Police, in London, England, are singing a song of sadness about an elusive suburban burglar.

"Flannel Foot's back in town."

"They call the unknown pilferer 'Flannel Foot' for two reasons: They can't catch him to find out his real name and he leaves strips of flannel wherever he completes a little job of ransacking."

Flannel Foot has been active about 25 years—taking time out for an occasional vacation. During the world war he was "somewhere in France" aiding Great Britain's forces.

The Kind He Knew

The young bride of an official in the Transkei, new of the ways of the Territory, was buying some odds and ends at the local trading station.

"Now, have you a cocktail-shaker?" she asked the native assistant, who for a moment looked puzzled.

"Ah, no, missis," he said presently, his face lighting up, "but we got some ver' good feather dusters!"

Has Become A Business

Diving For Coins No Longer A Sport In Honolulu

Diving into the waters of Honolulu Bay for coins thrown by tourists from incoming vessels has become a generally organized "racket," according to the frank admissions of members of the organization.

Some day, however, they admit the means will be found outside of the present racket system for bringing to the surface all the coins that have been missed by the diving racketeers and when that day comes they declare a small fortune will be in store for someone.

In earlier days, the diving for coins was a unique sport for island swimmers, before the idea of business organization or rackets had pervaded the islands. Now, it has become a business, moderately prosperous, that has banded the youths into an organization firmly controlled in a businesslike manner.

Folly Of Cutting In

Is Greatest Cause Of Accidents According To Statistics

Government statistics show that more accidents result from cutting in than from any other cause. Hardly a day passes when we do not hear of one—where the driver of one car, anxious to save a minute or two, tries to get ahead of another which is probably running up to or over the speed limit, misjudges his distance and crashes into an approaching car.

There is seldom any legitimate excuse for an accident of this kind. But how often we see drivers taking a chance on getting ahead and escaping disaster by a hairbreadth—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Sounds Fair Enough

Rastus: "Look heah. I don't told you all not to shoot mah roostah, ahn' I?"

Sambo: "Yes, an' I told you all to keep yo roostah outa mah garden, too, didn't I?"

Rastus: "Dat roostah wasn't in you garden. He jes' had his neck through dat crack in de fence."

Sambo: "Well, dat's all I shot wuz his neck!"

Request Carried Out

Will Of Englishwoman Asks Inspection Of Tomb Every August

Though "resurrection men," like the infamous Burke and Hare, are an extinct race, their memory lingers in a curious ceremony which was observed August 12 in the churchyard of St. Nicholas, Sutton, England. In the churchyard stands a huge stone tomb, built in 1777 by James Gibson, a wealthy London merchant, for the burial of himself and his family.

When the daughter, Elizabeth Gibson, died, in 1793, the fear of "resurrection men" stealing bodies was intense. By way of safeguard she left a considerable sum in trust to ensure that the vicar and churchwardens should open the tomb and inspect the coffin "every August 12th, for ever."

The annual inspection, preceded by a special service in the church, has been carried out every August 12 for 143 years.

Airlines On Sound Track

Interfere With Talkie-Recording Studios Of British Companies

British movie studios are trying hard to keep the drone of airplanes flying overhead from getting on the talkie-recording sound track.

One studio painted huge letters on its roof, saying: "Film Studio—Quiet, Please." It didn't work. The pilots only dropped closer to read what it was all about.

Then they flew a big yellow flag to warn the airmen away. They misunderstood and merely zoomed down to investigate.

For Moulded Desserts

When moulding frozen or gelatin desserts, place two crossed strips of heavy waxed paper in the mould, leaving the end long enough to extend over the edges after the dish has been filled. When the freezing or hardening process is completed, you will find the dessert turns out as if by magic from a tug at the free ends.

The ivory-billed woodpecker is fast becoming extinct in the United States, while the pileated woodpecker is close on its heels.

Super Beast Of Past

Largest Mammal Known To Science Once Lived In Asia

The only life-size restoration in the world of the baluchitherium—the largest land mammal known to science, and which lived in Asia some 25,000,000 years ago—is nearing completion. It will join the exhibits of the American Museum of Natural History.

Dr. Walter Granger, curator of fossil mammals, and Dr. William K. Gregory, curator of comparative and human anatomy, spent several years sorting and studying some 200 baluchitherium bones preliminary to the restoration of this super-beast of the prehistoric past. The baluchitherium is described as an over-sized, hornless rhinoceros. It lived in Asia when what is now the Gobi desert was a paradise of woods and water.

So far as is known, the baluchitherium was the largest land mammal that ever lived. It was taller than a giraffe, weighed as much as two ordinary elephants and the lowest part of its body, resting on four massive legs, was so high above the ground that a six-foot man could walk beneath it without removing his hat. The restoration was constructed on the basis of the largest bones of the several specimens found.

The restoration, which weighs more than a ton and made of plaster of paris on a wire mesh, is in the form of a bag relief.

Unlike the elephant—which it outdistances in size—and the rhinoceros—which it resembles in appearance—the baluchitherium had neither tusks nor horns. Its teeth were unusual in that it had two great incisors in each jaw. These, it is believed, were used by the animal in tearing leaves and branches from trees and bushes on which it fed, at the rate of several hundred pounds of fodder per day, it is estimated. The name of the beast is derived from the fact that first baluchitherium fossils were found in Baluchistan.

Writes Backward

Feckular Quirk Of Boy's Mind Is Puzzling Physicians

A "mirrored-boy" whose mind forces his fingers to write figures and letters backward is puzzling physicians of a town in West Virginia.

The youngster is 11-year-old Harold Elliott, unable to advance beyond the second grade in school. His teacher, Miss Eleanor Mengert, discovered the queer quirk in his mental makeup which reverses objects he sees.

Told to copy a word, he started at the end.

"But, when I held a large mirror to the word and told him to copy from the mirror," Miss Mengert said, "he started with the first letter just as any child would."

Dr. D. L. Gallagher expressed the opinion the boy's condition is caused by incorrect co-ordination of his eyes and brain.

More Cattle Shipped

Figures To Date Show Decided Increase Over Last Year

Cattle shipments to Great Britain and the United States for the year to date amounted to 229,479 head, compared with 109,769 for the corresponding period in 1935, the department of agriculture has reported.

Shipments to Great Britain were 51,417 head against 5,213 last year, while 198,062 head were exported to the United States compared to 104,556 in 1935.

During a recent week 3,512 head, consisting of 1,917 beef cattle, 315 dairy and 1,280 calves, were shipped to the United States. There were also 1,229 hogs exported across the line.

Cattle shipments to Great Britain in the same period were 473 head.

Just As Stated

Alfred Sir to you.

And those have been the Christian names of Alfred Sir Pugh, of Headstreet, Pershore, Worcs, ever since his polite mother took him to be christened at Pershore Abbey 88 years ago.

"Name this child," said the clergyman.

"Alfred, sir," said Mrs. Pugh. And down it went in the register.—London Sunday Pictorial.

The magnetic poles on the earth are not directly opposite each other. A line running from one to the other would miss the centre of the earth by about 750 miles.

Italy has returned to Austria 400 guns which were captured in the World War.

In wooded land, rainfall often is 25 per cent. greater than in open spaces.

BABY SHOW OVER-TAXED JUDGING ARRANGEMENTS



Owing to a hitch in the plans for the National Baby Show at Crystal Palace, London, England, only one doctor was engaged to act as judge, but there were 25,000 competitors. Eight additional doctors were quickly secured and the police also assisted.

Surgery of the Seas



Dr. Adam N. Beattie, surgeon of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, and his ship's nurse, Miss Margaret Grant Allan, who are shown here, performed two delicate operations during the ship's round trip to the Far East, via Honolulu, just completed in Vancouver. On the outward trip, between Honolulu and Yokohama, the liner's huge turbines were stilled for nearly an hour while Dr. Beattie removed a ruptured duodenal ulcer from a Chinese passenger. On the homeward trip, between Hong Kong and Shanghai, the London, Ont. doctor's skill was again called into play when a Chinese saloon steward was stricken with acute appendicitis. Both patients are recovering well, the physician reported. Dr. Beattie, former house physician at Vancouver's St. Paul's hospital, and graduate of University of Western Ontario's medical school at London, Ont., stated that the Empress of Japan's splendidly equipped operating room made the operations little different in practice from any performed in large hospitals. His assistant, Miss Allan, is a graduate of St. Paul's hospital, Saskatoon. She has been in the Empress of Japan for the past three and a half years and previously was in the Empress of Russia. Dr. Beattie first went to sea in 1923 aboard the Canadian-Australasian liner "Niagara" out of Vancouver.

—Canadian Pacific Photo.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

By MRS. MARY MORTON

Menu Hint
Pineapple Juice Cheese Crackers
Lamb Stew With Vegetables
Green Tomato Chutney
Orange Ice Cream
Corn
Sometimes when I serve tomato, pineapple or other fruit juice as first course at a dinner, I don't Pare and core apples and peel serve a salad. Possibly, however, you would think this meal better balanced without the corn and substituting a salad. The piece of lamb I bought to stew the other day was part of the shoulder and breast, and cost me 29 cents. So far it has served five people and is not all gone.

green tomatoes, four large onions, one pound seeded raisins, one quart vinegar, two cups brown sugar, two tablespoons salt, two tablespoons mixed pickling spices, one-eighth teaspoon cayenne pepper, one teaspoon curry powder. Put them, with tomatoes and raisins, through food chopper. Boil together for 20 minutes with vinegar, sugar, salt and spices. Cook until thick and clear. Seal in jars and let stand about one month before using.



Use a small brush to brush out any silver polish left in the ornamentation of your silverware. After silver has been thoroughly cleaned, washed, rinsed and dried, polish with soft flannel or chamois.

To-day's Recipes
LAMB STEW—Have the butcher cut the meat up into smallish pieces. Wipe them with a damp cloth, brown in bacon or other fat, add an onion or two and brown, then gradually add hot water, turn the heat down and let simmer gently until the meat is tender, then add potatoes, carrots, onions and turnips, if you like them. Cook until vegetables are done, season and serve. You may dredge the meat in flour before browning if you wish. If you do the gravy will be thicker.

GREEN TOMATO CHUTNEY—Twelve sour green apples, 12 small



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Following fact: have tended to raise prices. Large purchases of wheat by United Kingdom and Continent-Rumor Great Britain and other countries intend stocking up with wheat. Broomhall increases his estimates world imports by 16 million. Drought in parts U.S.A. winter wheat belt continues. World's crop estimates less than last year. South African maize crop considerably less than last year.

These factors have tended to lower prices: Large wheat crop seeded under favorable conditions in India. Argentina harvesting starts with clear weather on increased acreage; good threshing yields reported. Argentina suspends guaranteed minimum price to farmers on wheat and linseed. Greatly increased exports of vegetables from Cuba to U.S.A.

The Provincial sales tax branch has issued and distributed throughout the province, posters recalling, the fact that every time an article of taxable goods is purchased outside the province that tax is owing the government.

The posters draw attention to regulation 21 of the Sales Tax Act, which requires people to pay two per cent on taxable goods purchased in another province. Failure to pay the tax within three days leaves a person open to a fine of \$500 or three months in jail.

The sales tax came into effect on May 1st, last and in the first six months of its operation yielded \$330, 835.

Under provisions of Regulations 21, a person purchasing an article in British Columbia or Saskatchewan, which ordinarily would be taxed in Alberta, must write to the treasury department, enclosing the amount of the tax. The regulation, it is understood, was primarily designed to deal with the mail order business.

Here and There

Famous officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada, arrived at Revelstoke recently and held a series of historic meetings. Among them were Donald A. Smith, George Stephen, James J. Hill, Van Horne and Shaughnessy, names associated for the past half century with the construction of Canada's first transcontinental railway. The party actually comprised a group of film players portraying the historic characters in the tense board-room sequence of "The Great Barrier", Gaumont British picture depicting the strenuous railway construction days fifty years ago.

Says Gene Sarason, one time world's champion golfer, writing of the Banff Springs Hotel course at the famous resort in the Rockies:—"That course of Banff is everything you said. Miss Helen Hicks and I played it against two guests at the hotel and we were beaten. With a huge gallery it may seem funny to hear we simply couldn't keep our minds on the game—the scenery was simply too much."

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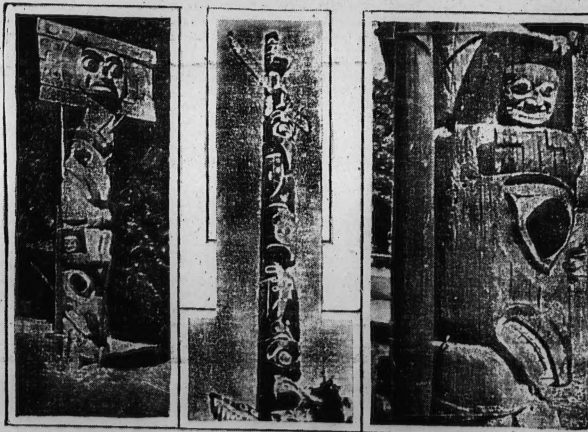
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Monetary Reform Column.

(Conducted by Herb Collier)

The total public debt of Canada has grown to between seven and eight billion dollars and is composed of public bonds (all public securities) that have been issued and "sold" by the various governments, federal, provincial and municipal.

Who hold these bonds? In the Bondholders' report that was submitted to the provincial government a short time ago it is explained that "Public bonds, such as those of Alberta, are the principal medium in which the savings of the Canadian people are invested directly by individuals or by institutions responsible for the value of insurance policies, savings deposits, pension funds and other trusts." These bondholders discovered long ago that public bonds were the securest and most profitable investment for their savings and net profits. Year after year they have been increasing their holdings of these bonds and a great majority of them would not invest in anything else.

But sooner or later all public bonds must be either redeemed in full with bank-money or repudiated in whole or in part. It is impossible to redeem the more than \$7-billion of them which are now outstanding with printed currency without causing tremendous inflation and it is also impossible to continue paying interest on them at half the present rates without increasing the public debt. It is the interest on the bonds that is continually causing the increase in the debt.

During the past fifteen years (1921-35) the federal government paid out in interest a total of \$1,966,200,000 and the increase during the same time in its bonded debt and guaranteed debt amounted to \$1,745,500,000. Thus all but \$218,000,000 of the interest was paid by issuing new bonds. Again the total interest paid by all governments, federal, provincial and municipal, during the same period amounted to approximately \$5,700,000,000 and their combined debt increased by \$3,383,505,000. That is, all but about \$450,000,000 of the interest for the fifteen years was paid by issuing new bonds. The paying of the interest forced the governments to issue new bonds. The same thing is happening in Great Britain, the United States and in other countries.

If we but examine carefully how our public borrowings in Canada are financed we shall discover the reasons why the interest on it is continually causing the public debt to grow. During the past six years the debt has grown at an average rate of \$300,000,000 a year. Where did the money come from each year to buy the new issues of bonds? The government paid out an average of \$350,000,000 a year in interest to the bondholders after collecting it by taxes from producers which took it out of circulation. The bondholders saved most of this interest and all they had to do was to keep it idle for a few months after receiving it and that forced the governments to issue and "sell" them new bonds which they paid for with the interest money. The governments were compelled to put the money back into circulation or all industry would have been blocked. It is the interest on the debt which first forces the governments to "sell" new bonds each year and then is used to purchase them. The interest paid on public bonds is not earned by the bondholders. They do not help in the general process of production in any way, directly or indirectly. They are not producers. The interest is taken from producers and paid to them under a fallacious theory and does by far more harm than good. The collecting of it causes a chronic shortage of purchasing power among producers and unemployment.

The Rotary Plan

The Rotary Plan is a discovery of a new method of financing the total public debt of Canada directly through the chartered banks that will eliminate the paying of interest on it. The debt will still remain about what it is at present but it will be all owing to the banks and the banks will be fully paid for their services in financing it and will also be fully guaranteed against any loss.

In the refinancing of the debt the present bondholders will receive full values of their bonds in bank-money without any repudiation. Those bonds that may be selling in the open market below par will be redeemed at par and those selling above par will be redeemed at their market values.

After the refinancing of the debt there will be about \$8-billion of deposits in the chartered banks. Most of these deposits will be held continuously idle the same as all bank deposits are now. By taking one-half of one per cent (1/2%) of the deposits,

which will aggregate about \$400,000,000, the federal government can rotate this large sum every three months in financing old age pensions and sufficient public works all over Canada to provide employment for all who may be at times industrially unemployed.

The \$400,000,000 will be transferred by the banks at the beginning of each quarter from general deposits to the federal government. The government will then disburse it for pensions and to pay for work, services and materials for the public works the money passing through all the channels of production and returning to general deposits. The \$400,000,000 will thus be rotated quarterly.

The financing of old age pensions and the public works will be accomplished without collecting one dollar by taxes on industry, without adding one dollar to the public debt and without printing one dollar of new currency.

Under the Rotary Plan there will be no unemployment in Canada.

Viking Itms.

Hilliker Bros., general merchants, are celebrating their thirtieth anniversary in business in Viking this month. Beginning in a modest way in 1906 they now have one of the largest and most up-to-date establishments in this part of the province. They have seen this community grow from a few scattered shacks to its present size with a good representative business section, good homes, schools, hospital, and many other substantial improvements that make a good town. Hilliker Bros. have kept pace with the district, anticipating the needs of their patrons, and enlarging their premises and increasing and improving services to the public from year to year. For the past twenty-three years, (since May, 1913) they have used space in the News to invite the public to their store and tell them of the goods and services they are able to render. No doubt this has been one factor in the good-will and patronage that the firm enjoys. It will be noted in their advertisement this week they are inviting the public to share in their celebration this month in a novel way. A new 1937 Philco radio will be given away free to some lucky person on Christmas eve. Many other valuable prizes are also on the list. Albert Loades is down from Gibbons visiting the Parental home for a couple of weeks.

The Hockey Club start the league wars with Tofield next Monday night. The first game at the local arena is Friday the 18th.

The annual Swastika Club meeting will be held in Poplar Hill School Monday night, Dec. 14th. Lunch committee Ned Cox, Albert Gray Mrs. E. McIntosh.

P. Carlson is a patient at the local hospital with a critical case of pneumonia. His many old-time friends in the district hope that he will make a complete recovery.

The public meeting held under Social Credit auspices in the Elks hall last Friday evening, was well attended. Mr. Jas. Marshall, M.P. and A.E. Fee, M.L.A. addressed the gathering. The account "Jack of time and space this week we have not been able to make any lengthy mention of the speeches.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Brooke, Stanley Rich-

FASHIONS



THERE is a new note in velvets this year. The fabric has been given a new softness of texture and "bloom". For the tea dance this black velvet princess dress in street length is ideal. Jet buttons fastening down the front from neck to hem, and Venetian lace collar and cuffs, are smart details.

ardson, Miss Gladys Reishus and Mr. Fitzmaurice attended the annual get-together of gas company employees held in Edmonton last Friday evening. Mr. Green, former field superintendent here, was formally announced as promoted to general superintendent of the city and main lines. Mr. Brooke has succeeded Mr. Green as local superintendent.

The members of the Women's Institute held an enjoyable banquet at the new Viking hotel on Tuesday evening. At the business meeting the officers were all re-elected for another year. Mrs. Rollins, president, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of carnations.

Santa with candies and nuts for the children, will be at the Elks Hall Dec. 23rd, at the big annual Xmas event of the United Church Sunday School.

Mrs. Dann and daughters, Dorothy and Betty, sail from England on January 2nd on the "Duchess of Bedford." They report having a grand time and wish all their friends a Happy New Year.

Mrs. W.H. Collier and Mrs. Stella Robinson have returned to Edmonton after enjoying a visit with friends and relatives here. Several social affairs were held in their honor during their stay in Viking.

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Development Of Television

Miss Laurie Devine, Of Australia, Dances For First Television Program

The television broadcasting experiments carried out by the British Broadcasting Corporation were described at Melbourne, Australia, by Miss Laurie Devine, a dancer, who claims to have done more television work than anyone else in the world. She danced in the first television program broadcast by the B.B.C. in 1933 and appeared regularly twice a week for nearly two years until the programs were discontinued.

Miss Devine's acrobatic dancing was particularly suited to television, as all the movements were "wide" and decisive. Ballet dancing had too much detail to broadcast well, she said, and tap-dancing, although good for sound purposes, was blurred pictorially.

The first make-up used was absolutely mask-like, black eyes and lips being imposed on clear white skin, with blue streaks drawn down both sides of the nose. This was later modified, and blue was used for emphasis instead of black. Television dresses had to be carefully considered, black and white being contrasted so that there was no large expanse of one color. The dances had to be specially arranged and were executed on a black and white check floor to prevent blurring. The television beam was so limited that Miss Devine could not stretch out both her hands or kick high without moving outside the picture.

At present, Miss Devine said, the B.B.C. was experimenting in a new process to provide a more solid picture, as well as having a wider beam. For close-up television blouses were better than brunettes. Although television reception sets were most expensive, a number of wireless fans had made their own. It was difficult to know how widely the programs had been received, but she had received letters from Italy, Sweden and Scotland.

Miss Devine, an Australian by birth, started her dancing career with Wirth's circus when aged five years. She was trained by her father, Tom Rees, a circus man who died recently.

Physical Training

British Educationalist Says More Stress On Subject Is Needed

The beautiful walk and poise of the modern girl is due to greater provision for physical training, Sir William Forest, chairman of Blackburn Education, told the British Institute of Adult Education at Oxford. He suggested that more physical training colleges were needed for men.

Mr. E. Major, principal of the Carnegie Physical Training College, Leeds, said the majority of children new left school with a love of and desire to take part in physical activities, but the facilities and opportunities for further physical education were totally inadequate.

"As a nation," he added, "we are not maintaining the standard of physical development which racially or naturally belongs to us."

U.S. Court Trials

American Newspaper Man Favors The English System

Stuart H. Perry, publisher of the Adrian, Mich., Telegram, told fellow members of the Inland Daily Press Association they should reform themselves against what he termed the covering of court trials "as if they were sporting events."

He attacked various cases of what he termed "hippodrome" trial reporting. While he praised the English system of contempt proceedings against this style he termed it ineffective here because "the American courts are virtually helpless to enforce the powers they possess."

"Until judges and prosecutors are appointed and police chief and other law enforcement officials are rescued from the spoils of politics, there is little hope for a change," he said.

Louis XIV. of France was embarrassed by badness at a time when fashion decreed that men should wear long curls; so he had the first periwig made for him. All his courtiers adopted the fashion of wearing wigs so that the king might not be self-conscious.

A gangster among trees is the strangling fig, says Dr. John E. Small, New York botanist, for this tree destroys its plant victims by enveloping them, and sometimes caps the climax by destroying itself.

Germany shipped nearly 675 tons of artificial flowers to other countries in the first six months of this year.

ROYAL LOVERS ATTEND ARMY MANOEUVRES



Queen Wilhelmina of Holland (extreme right), accompanied by Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard, inspecting a camouflaged light field during army manoeuvres in the southern part of Holland. The engagement of the Princess and young German Prince was announced recently.

Hawaiian Civilization

Knack For Colorful Speech Is Characteristic Of These People

For a picture of the spirit of Hawaiians and their civilization, Henry P. Judd has made an extensive collection of old Hawaiian proverbs. Judd is professor of Hawaiian at the University of Hawaii and a former president of the Hawaiian Historical Society.

"The Hawaiian, in his keen power of observation, his sense of humor, his ability to satirize social life, to estimate achievements correctly and to express his idea of religion and morals in a concise form, displayed a remarkable talent which surely must give him a high rank among the peoples of the world, and characterize the Hawaiian people as generous-hearted, amiable, practical and fond of nature."

Many modern proverbs have their counterparts. "While the rain is still far off, hatch your house" was their earlier version of the modern "Make hay while the sun shines."

Fair for colorful description is indicated in: A bald-headed man is like the rising moon; a double-chinned person is like a wrinkled-up eel; a gray-haired person is like white sugar-cane.

The Hawaiians are adept at satirical and delight in condemning pretentious people and social parasites. "A water gourd gurgles when not full," he said. And: "Eels in shallow water show their color." The Hawaiians always have been sentimental. "Love is like fog; there is no mountain on which it does not rest." They paid this sentiment the highest compliment when they said: "Love excels a calabash of fish and poi."

Knack for colorful speech is indicated by expressions "entangled by the whiskeys" (for caught unaware); "old age is the red sky of evening."

Aerial Photographs

Measuring Of Land By Aerial Method In Arkansas

Measuring of land and checking of performance in accordance with the agricultural conservation program through the use of aerial photographs is now being carried out in Arkansas, reports C. C. Randall, acting assistant extension director.

An index map is used to determine the location of the individual pictures, and each farm is checked against the picture. Each field is identified and the acreage determined. One square inch of surface on the photograph equals ten acres.

"When I looked out of the window, Johnny, I was glad to see you playing marbles with Billy Simpkins." "We wasn't playing marbles." "We'd just had a fight and I was helping him pick up his teeth."

Hunters Must Beware

American Game Wardens Warn People By Tactical Method

Ten thousand cleverly worded posters urging hunters to be careful not to shoot each other during the hunting season have been posted by wardens throughout Maine's vast timberlands.

There were 21 fatalities and 20 serious woundings during the 1935 season.

The posters, conceived and distributed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, read: Bag Limit—Deer, One; Men, None. Don't Pull Your Gun by the Muzzle From a Boat, From an Auto or Through a Fence.

Be Sure It Is a Deer Before You Shoot.

Don't Shoot at a Moving Bush, It May Be a Man.

Don't Spoil Your Hunting Trip by Careless Shooting.

Careless Shooting May Cause You a Life of Regret.

Better Come Home Without a Deer Than Bring a Man on a Stretcher.

Help Make the Woods Safe For Hunters.

Remember—Perpetual Closed Season on Men.

Careful Hunting Is Sport—Careless Hunting Is Crime.

Irish Speakers

Trying To Revive The Oratory Of Past Generations

Professor Tim O'Donoghue of Presentation College is trying to revive the once great talking powers of the Irish race—and his first idea is a separate "talking room" in every public library where a man can talk away to his heart's content without fear of being interrupted by his wife.

"The only place where Irishmen can talk now is in saloons and drinking places," he said, "but with the high cost of drink in this country talking is becoming a very expensive occupation, and more's the pity." Compared with twenty years ago, there is not a notable orator in the Free State.

President Eamon de Valera gives the political reporters writer's cramp with his long, rambling sentences. William Cosgrave, leader of the opposition, is just the opposite. He speaks in a short jerky style, easy to follow but not what could be called silver-tongued eloquence exactly.

The latest German passenger-carrying air liner, which is driven by Diesel engines at low cost, is said to be convertible for war purposes.

More and more the attention of the medical profession, and of intelligent people generally, is being focused on health examination before marriage.

Unusual Teaching Method

Children Recite Parts Of Poem With Accompanying Drawings

A teacher's novel way of teaching English and drawing has brought notice to a school in Truro, N.S.

A frieze or "movie" of nine pictures illustrating "The Night Before Christmas" was made by seven pupils in the first grade at Willow school, Truro, N.S., under Miss Halliday's instruction. All the pictures were drawn and colored by the pupils.

It is being exhibited at the Imperial Exhibition of School Children's Art under the patronage of the Royal Empire Society in London, and has been shown also in other cities of the United Kingdom. Each Canadian province is exhibiting 12 pictures in the exhibition.

The poem was read to the children by Miss Halliday and they were asked to make drawings of their impressions of the story, similar to an illustration in the front of the book. Nine pictures drawn by seven of the pupils were selected and pasted on a roll of paper 20 feet long and 12 inches wide.

The children called the work "our movie" and each learned parts of the poem, so that as it was unrolled they recited the verses which the picture appearing illustrated.

Storage At Churchill

If Grain Is Shipped, Government Will Get Benefit Of Storage Fees

Efforts will be made to get grain in storage at Churchill for the winter, in readiness for the 1937 shipping season.

The government owns the railway and the storage elevator at Churchill. Providing arrangements can be made for the storing of wheat at Churchill, the government would get the benefit of the storage fees.

With the exception of two cargoes at Churchill which were originally intended to be shipped out this season, the elevator is empty at the present time.

Science Of Deduction

A British doctor has established the cause of the death of 11 men who died 1,000 years ago. Dr. Gray Hill found 11 skeletons on Stockbridge Downs. He said the fact that all had their hands behind them, and the absence of broken bones, suggested that death was due to execution by strangulation.

In spite of their enormous size, whale sharks are quite harmless. Even when chased and harpooned, they seldom turn on their captors.

Bubbles in heated water are formed by the expansion and setting free of the air dissolved in the water.

The Machine Age

If Man Does Not Master The Machine, The Result Is Social Disaster

Either man will master the machine, or the machine will master man. Such, in effect, was the conclusion of M. Edouard Herriot in addressing the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation at Geneva. The development of a mechanized civilization may prove to be good or bad, precisely as we adapt our economic system to the new conditions. We cannot stop that development; it is therefore for us to see to it that there is adequate distribution and increasing consumption.

The more the problem of the machine is considered, the more fundamental it will be seen to be. If it is not solved, it is capable of smashing civilization. For if machines take the place of men (as they are doing, for even in the countries which are now recovering economically unemployment persists), there must be revolt, in which anything may happen. One has only to look at the world to-day to observe the ominous signs of social dislocation. The paradox of greater production and greater poverty will infallibly have explosive effects whose consequences will be far more serious than appears to be anticipated.

Yet the alternative to social disaster does not appear difficult. It is nothing less than the gradual emancipation of mankind from arduous and disagreeable manual tasks, and an immense improvement in society. It is necessary that political leaders, manufacturers, business men and economists should think out a system which will distribute goods as fast as they are turned out. On the one hand, there can be no permanent restriction of production, but on the other hand the inevitable growth of production, in the world as it is managed to-day, means destruction of purchasing power and spread of misery.

It may be that this is the root question on the right answer to which will depend the happiness or unhappiness of civilized countries in the near future. The machine is the modern Sphinx. If we cannot read the riddle, then we must pay the penalty. If we can read the riddle aright, then we shall win a new freedom.—Christian Science Monitor.

Another Ocean To Conquer

Australian Airman Anxiously Discussing Problem Of New Flight

The possibility that an Australian airman will be the first to cross the Indian Ocean—as yet unconquered by air, is now being eagerly discussed in aviation circles at Sydney, New South Wales.

The proposal that this pioneer flight should be organized, in order to open up a regular service by this route to South Africa, is strongly supported by Harold Gatty, the famous round-the-world flier.

"Crossing the Indian Ocean is the most valuable flight that remains to be done," he said. "Its great importance is that it would provide an alternative service route from England to Australia."

"In case of trouble in the Mediterranean or Asia Minor, the England-Australia airplanes could come through via Africa and the Indian Ocean islands."

"It appears to me that a perfectly practicable route could be flown, from England to West Africa, across to Mombasa, and thence to Australia."

Capt. P. G. Taylor, a well-known Australian airman, has signified his readiness to undertake the flight. But he will only do it provided he has authority to select the aircraft, the route, the crew and the equipment.

Catches Large Fish

North American Tuna Record Almost Broken By Texan

Dr. John R. Brinkley, of Del Rio, Texas, missed setting a new North American tuna record by two pounds. It was revealed at Liverpool, N.S., recently, by the Liverpool Tuna Club. Dr. Brinkley recently landed a 757-pounder in one hour and 55 minutes. His catch was one pound less than the 758-pound record set in 1924 off this port by Zane Grey. Grey's fish was a world record until 1934, when an 851-pound fish was caught off Whitby, England, by L. Mitchell Henry.

Dr. Brinkley made his catch, the largest in ten years, under Liverpool Tuna Club regulations, using a 39-thread line and 32-ounce tip. The fish was 9 feet 8 inches in length and had a girth of 6 feet 8 inches. It is the fourth fish weighing more than 500 pounds that Dr. Brinkley has landed this season.

Pipit toads, natives of South America, are so thin that one can see through them.

Ontario Farmers' Problem

Grain Weevil Causes Heating In Many Granaries

The presence of weevils in granaries is believed to be responsible for the large amount of new grain that is heating this fall on Elgin county farms. Numerous farmers have communicated with F. S. Thomas, Agricultural Representative, recently, reporting that their stored grain was heating badly, particularly wheat. Some cases of oats and barley heating have also been reported.

Undoubtedly the grain weevil is responsible for much of the trouble, Mr. Thomas stated. It is probably the result of several years of grain storage. In ordinary years, when grain prices were favorable, the average farmer sold the bulk of his grain after threshing but in the last four or five years, with prices poor, there have been heavy carry-overs of grain for feeding. The result is that the weevils have had many opportunities to breed. Granary bins no doubt have been infested with the destructive insects and new grain, placed in the granaries this fall, has been attacked.

In cases of severe infestation fumigation may be necessary. To be successful, fumigation must be carried out when the temperature of the grain is over 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Carbon bisulphide is one of the most effective fumigants, but care should be exercised in its use as it vaporizes into a foul-smelling, highly inflammable, poisonous gas when exposed to the air. The quantity to use depends on the gas-tightness of the receptacle. Under satisfactory fumigating conditions, the quantity recommended is one pound of liquid to every 50 bushels of grain.

A very useful spray that may be used for destroying the insects in grain storage places is cheaply made from pyrethrum insect powder and kerosene. This is prepared by adding one-half pound of pyrethrum to one gallon of kerosene, allowing the mixture to stand and agitating it at intervals over a period of two hours or longer. The residue settles at the bottom.

A peculiar thing about grain insects is that they become inactive at temperatures below 45 degrees. In most parts of Canada the winter temperature is sufficiently low to prevent much insect development in unheated granaries. Grain that is damp or heavily infested, however, may maintain temperatures favorable to insects in spite of prevailing low outside temperature conditions.

Digging Into History

Study Table Manners And Eating Utensils From Earliest Days

Digging into the history of eating, scientists came up with the assertion that civilization's first fork users were called slaves.

"Italians," explained the National Geographic Society, "were the first to use forks for eating, and were ridiculed as ultra-fastidious or even effeminate."

The table manners research was launched after a joint expedition of National Geographic and Smithsonian Institution scientists uncovered some 1,000-year-old spoons in Alaska.

"These ancient utensils," the scientists reported, "give a vivid picture of the life 10 centuries ago, but they are also reminders that although table manners have changed, eating implements of to-day are essentially the same as in pre-historic times."

They hastened to add that the Eskimo still clings to the age-old use of his knife. This consists of stuffing his mouth with meat and then whacking off the remainder with a swift stroke that barely misses his nose.

Getting An Education

Foreign-Born Farm Worker Who Was Willing To Overcome Obstacles

When one sees how easy it is for some people to get an education, the reverse must draw attention. There is a foreign-born farm worker, who is employed eight miles from London, Ont., who never missed an evening class at the technical school in that city last winter. Every night he walked the eight miles to the city and eight miles back so that he can improve his English. This year it is expected a compatriot will make the trips each night. That man who walked sixteen miles each night to be sure he learns English has the makings of a good Canadian citizen. Surely such a man will get benefit from a course which causes him so much labor.—Niagara Falls Review.

Beavers use their tails to slap out signals on the water surface and to steer themselves while swimming.

INAUGURATION OF MOBILE POST OFFICE IN ENGLAND



A fully equipped Post Office on wheels, with stamp wickets, letter slots, telephone and telegraph facilities, has been put into operation in England. It will be used largely at Agricultural Shows and small villages where local equipment is temporarily over-taxed.

Practical Gift Suggestions for Christmas

Household Linens

Small inexpensive pieces that reflect the good taste of the giver, and are always so acceptable to maid or matron.

Linen Bridge Sets

Irish Linen Bridge Sets, a cloth and four napkins, nicely boxed and distinctive embroidered designs, priced from 99c

Breakfast Cloths

54 inch Breakfast Cloths done in linen with fancy border also smart new cotton cloths, fast colors in meticulous designs 98c
Extra heavy quality 52x68 \$1.59

Rayon Damask Sets

Beautiful Rayon Damask Cloths, with napkins to match. Lovely patterns that have a most distinctive appearance, neatly boxed.

50x50 \$2.69
Extra heavy weight 54x54 \$3.49

Japanese Breakfast Covers

Japanese Crepe Covers size 50x50, good quality crepe, lovely patterns, bright with all the gay colors of the Orient 50c

Tartan Covers

Yes, even in Table Covers gay tartans, bright and cheery, size 50x50, only 69c

Chinese Hand Work

Low in cost lovely in material and workmanship

Table Sets

Pretty little Table Sets, size 36x36, with napkins to match, just as dainty as can be, only 59c

Pure Linen Table Sets

Pure linen cloths with napkins to match, all hand done in lovely cross stitch design, fast colors and hand turned hems 1.95

Pure Linen Covers

Napkins to match, hand made cut work, center edge finished with hand made lace \$2.95

Pillow Cases

Wabasso fine count white Cambric Pillow Cases finished with colored border, or colored beading, hemstitched per pair \$1.00

Wabasso Bed Sets

A lovely gift set by Wabasso, fine count sheet, 81x99, hemstitched, 2 pillow cases to match, hemstitched, all done up in a nice gift box \$3.89

Special Christmas Pillow Case Offer

Special hand embroidered Maderia type, nice quality cloth, cut work design, 42 inch cases, on sale while they last, per pair \$1.39

Fancy Christmas Lingerie

Much the largest and nicest assortment we have ever been privileged to show you; smart yet inexpensive.

Dance Sets

Smart Rayon sets nicely lace trimmed, brassiere and pantie, gift boxed \$1.00



SILK HOSE

When in doubt you cannot err if you pick Silk Hose. Supersilk line of pure tread Silk Hose, all the wanted fall shades. Service weight 75c

Crepe, Service, Chiffon Service \$1.00

Whisper Crepe \$1.50

Real Silk Dance Set Special

Made from real silk crepe brassiere and panty, very neatly trimmed, gift boxed, tea rose shade, special for Christmas \$1.39

Slips

Baronet satin slips, bias cut, full size, tea rose shade, top finished with silk embroidery lace bottoms, wonderful value \$1.69

Night Gowns

Simply beautiful are these lovely gowns made from baronet satin, tea rose shade, cape shoulder fogat trim on front, boxed \$1.98

Towels

All new, all smartly styled, we have them for you either in Cellophane wrap or by the piece, all brand spanking new, priced from a pair up 35c

Stanfield's Nova Silk Lingerie

Each garment put up in its own smart box. These pyjamas and night gowns will find enthusiastic endorsers everywhere. Finest grade Rayon and the best workmanship. All full sized and in new smart designs, priced \$2.59 to \$2.98

"Ardele" Real Silk Dance Sets

For the fastidious miss all real silk fabrics and all hand finished neat little lace trims. French knot designs add a smart touch. Come in tea, rose, white, and blue, in both satin and crepe

Priced \$1.59; \$1.98; \$2.98

Leat'er Hand Bags

Another new lot in this week of smart leather handbags, all the latest Montreal fancies,

Priced 98c-\$2.59

Handkerchiefs

Boxed handkerchiefs, all new numbers this season; neat attractive kerchiefs and neatly boxed,

Priced up from 25c

Men's Dress Accessories

Done by "Currie". Always they have been good. This year they have excelled themselves in the fine quality of the goods and neatness and novelty of their packages.

Belts

Hickok Belts for men assure you of the belt he will want, all boxed individually, staple belts and fancy patterns, priced 50c to \$2.00

Suspenders

The popular narrow dress suspenders with all the tastiest fixings, all done up in special gift boxes, priced 50c; \$1.00; \$1.50

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Smartly patterned Kerchiefs for boys in gift boxes, 2 for 25c

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Good leather belts for good or not so good boys; Christmas boxes, assorted colors 50c

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JAM 4 lb tins peach and pineapple preserve 59c

FANCY BISCUITS Higrade Weston Biscuits, assorted 29c

Cigars and Cigarettes

Simon's Cigars and all the popular brands of Cigarettes in appropriate boxes.

J. C. McFarland, Irma

Main Street

Mrs. Watkinson motored to Holden last Monday for a few week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. Sargent.

Mr. Lloyd Erickson who is attending Technical School Calgary took ill very suddenly with appendicitis on Dec. 4, and was admitted to the hospital. As he was suffering from an attack of pneumonia at that time the operation was postponed until Monday Dec. 7th. At the time of writing he was progressing favorably. Lloyd's mother Mrs. E.R. Erickson went to Calgary last Friday and returned the following Wednesday.

Mrs. F. Darling received word recently that her mother Mrs. Getty A. Chapman passed away in Detroit, Mich. on Nov. 25th, at the age of 84 years and six months. Mrs. Chapman was blind during the last four years of her life. The sympathy of the district is extended to Mrs. Darling and family in her bereavement.

Mrs. R.W. Maguire enjoyed a visit last week from a girlhood friend Mrs. J.G. Cameron of Vancouver, B.C. In the account of the shower in honor of Miss H. Hubman in last week's issue of the Times, Miss A. Flewelling's name was unintentionally left out. Miss Flewelling very ably and willingly assisted the other hostesses in staging this social event and we are very sorry her name was not mentioned.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Barton in the Wainwright Hospital on Dec. 4th, a daughter.

Mrs. A.C. Milne was taken to the Wainwright Hospital on Tuesday Dec. 8th for an operation.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Herder on Nov. 20th, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. Knowles on Nov. 29th, a son.

Mr. E.L. Elford was a visitor in Edmonton this week.

Rev. E.T. Kemp visited his family in Edmonton this week.

Messrs. Smallwood and Maguire have made good progress flooding the rink since the cold weather arrived. Skating and hockey are in full swing now. Both senior and junior hockey teams are organized and ready for all comers.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Fenton spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Edmonton.

Something to worry about, the penalty date for school taxes is December 18th.

FOR SALE

Two milch cows heavy milkers, to freshen about Dec. 20th.
Geo. Pedel, Irma

Keep the tops of spice tins very secure as the air tends to make spices lose their flavor and "spiciness".
Canned tomato juice can be used in place of water when making vegetable gelatin salad.

FOR SALE—Registered 222 wheat certificate number 76-1006, second generation. Price \$1.45 per bushel.—Mrs. E. R. DeFrain. 4-18p

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